



FISCAL YEAR 2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION

Recipient: Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders

Location: 35 Wilson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15223

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders to create and test a specialized education support tool for those with autism consisting of a mixed light-tech and software-based solution. Autism is a national epidemic affecting 1 in 150 children born in the U.S. and there is a need to develop educational support tools to assist those with autism in learning more effectively.

Recipient: After School Activities Partnership

Location: 1520 Locust Street, Suite 1104, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the After School Activities Partnership to support and expand afterschool enrichment opportunities for underserved K-12 youth during the academic year and the summer. The program will offer anti-violence, anti-truancy alternatives to improve academics attendance and avoid negative behaviors. Research shows that unsupervised youth are much more likely to be the victims of violence or commit crimes, and are more vulnerable to risky behaviors.

Recipient: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh, Inc.

Location: 5989 Penn Circle South, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh, Inc. to accelerate the launch of a workplace mentoring program in Pittsburgh. This program engages high school students from disadvantaged communities in 1-to-1 relationships in a corporate setting. Students receive the attention of an adult mentor, exposure to the workplace, and support to help them complete high school. Children who otherwise would be likely to drop out of high school are encouraged to finish school and seek further education and career development.

Recipient: Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lehigh Valley

Location: 878 Minesite Road, Allentown, PA 18103

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lehigh Valley to expand the current school-based mentoring program in the Whitehall-Coplay School District. Research has shown that programs that rely on volunteer mentors can play a powerful role in reducing drug abuse and youth violence, while enhancing a young person's prospects for leading a healthy and productive life.

Recipient: Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern PA

Location: 123 South Broad Street, Suite 2180, Philadelphia, PA 19109

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern PA which matches at-risk children and adult mentors in southeastern Pennsylvania, in an effort to improve academic attainment and reduce delinquent behavior. Mentoring has a transformational effect and opens doors for the children involved and positively changes the way they view the world.

Recipient: Children's Home of Easton

Location: 2000 S. 25th Street, Easton, PA 18042

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Children's Home of Easton to support community learning centers and to target students that demonstrate multiple risk factors. The program works to improve students' reading skills, problem solving skills, conflict resolution skills, character development, and positive behavior training.

Recipient: Children's Literacy Initiative

Location: 2314 Market Street, 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Children's Literacy Initiative for literacy education and instruction, as well as professional development. The program addresses the need for children in high poverty areas to receive a quality literacy education.

Recipient: Corporate Alliance for Drug Education

Location: 128 Chestnut Street, Suite 302, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Corporate Alliance for Drug Education for school violence prevention programming. CADE proposes to teach practical skills for violence reduction among public elementary students, including bullying and weapons-related incidents. Staying in school and keeping youth on track to graduate from high school increases students' employability.

Recipient: Devereux Center for Effective Schools

Location: 2012 Renaissance Boulevard, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Devereux to assist in establishing the School-Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS) program in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Reading, PA, urban schools. SWPBS utilizes a systemic approach to establish the social culture and individual behavior supports needed for schools to be effective learning environments for all students. The program is intended to improve school and classroom climate, reduce office discipline referrals, suspensions and expulsions, and improve academic performance.

Recipient: Gerda and Kurt Klein Foundation

Location: PO Box 314, Narberth, PA 19072

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Gerda and Kurt Klein Foundation for the production and distribution of tolerance education and community service educational materials for middle schools and high schools. The organization provides teaching materials and kits, which include a DVD documentary about a holocaust survivor which aims to teach tolerance, respect and responsibility. The

combination of the tolerance education program with community service offers a way to help shape youth's behavior toward one another.

Recipient: Girls Incorporated of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey

Location: 1315 Walnut Street, Suite 1400, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Girls Incorporated of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey to provide job readiness training and science in partnership with two area universities. The program's goal is to better position young girls to attend PA schools and move them into scientific jobs. Currently women represent only 25% of the workforce in science fields, which illustrates a significant gender gap. In order for the U.S. to maintain a competitive advantage in the global economy, we need to ensure that the entire population of young minds can be encouraged to explore their full capabilities.

Recipient: Hispanic American Organization

Location: 462 Walnut Street, Allentown, PA 18102

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Hispanic American Organization to create comprehensive middle school and high school labs to educate students in accordance with state standards and assist students in development in developing advanced career goals. Expanded school laboratories will help students prepare for, and increase eligibility for, post secondary educational opportunities.

Recipient: Holy Redeemer Health System - Drueding Center

Location: 413 W. Master Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Holy Redeemer Health System's Drueding Center to provide quality early childhood education and afterschool services to homeless children living in a transitional housing program. Research shows that the experience of homelessness negatively impacts and inhibits the physical, emotional, cognitive, social and behavioral development of children. In order to address the negative effects of the trauma of homelessness, it is imperative that homeless children be provided with quality early childhood education and afterschool programs.

Recipient: Homeless Children's Education Fund

Location: 2100 Smallman Street, 2nd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Homeless Children's Education Fund for a partnership with homeless shelters throughout Allegheny County which provide homeless youth with afterschool programs. Additionally, funding will support advanced training for shelters staff and training for parents in child development and education. The engagement of community agencies to supplement and complement the work of public schools will build effective collaborations that support the holistic needs of these children.

Recipient: iPraxis

Location: 3624 Market Street, Suite 1SB, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for iPraxis for programming to improve the quality of science education and instruction at five elementary schools in the Philadelphia School District. These participating schools have agreed to allow the iPRAXIS volunteer scientists assist with classroom presentations, career talks, teacher development workshops, mentoring, and supporting school science fairs. Nearly 50% of the students in the Philadelphia School District scored in the bottom quartile in science, and in

some of the schools nearly 65% scored in the bottom quartile. This project reaches out to underrepresented minorities and enhances their science skills and knowledge.

Recipient: Lehigh University

Location: 5 E. Packer Avenue, Whitaker 318, Bethlehem, PA 18015

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lehigh University to assist in the development of the Center for Developing Urban Educational Leaders to recruit, train and retain qualified leaders in urban school districts. Funds will be used to help fund research and program development that will prepare and mentor aspiring principals, teachers, and parent leaders. There is currently a shortage of qualified principals in rural, urban, and suburban schools in elementary, middle and high schools in the U.S.

Recipient: Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern PA

Location: 2934 Smallman Street, 2nd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern PA to increase the number of qualified mentors in the region with an emphasis on increasing the capacity of schools to utilize mentoring. This will include the development of research based programs that meet both the school and community needs. Mentoring is a proven, cost efficient strategy to improve the quality of life for the mentored youth and the adult volunteer mentors. Mentoring taps the experience, energy and human capital in every community and school district.

Recipient: Military Heritage Foundation

Location: PO Box 839, Carlisle, PA 17013

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Military Heritage Foundation for the Army Heritage Center Foundation to continue to partner with educators, future educators, and public historians across the state and nation and to expand their access to resources through website, workshops, seminars and other programs. The program engages students in historical analysis and interpretation leading to an informed citizenry.

Recipient: Philadelphia Academies, Inc.

Location: 230 South Broad Street, Suite 1300, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Philadelphia Academies, Inc. for tracking long term outcomes for Philadelphia Academies students and graduates. The purpose of understanding these outcomes is to inform programming and the high school reform efforts of the school district of Philadelphia, which has articulated that it would like to expand career academies as part of its five year strategic plan.

Recipient: Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Nonviolence, Inc.

Location: 5398 Wynnefield Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Nonviolence, Inc. to support the College for Teens Summer College Campus residency (SUCCES) program, which assists middle and high school students in preparing for the academic year and for college, as well as developing life skills. The program helps develop math and English skills, study habits, time management, technology skills, project based learning, conflict resolution skills and test preparation skills.

Recipient: Project H.O.M.E.

Location: 1515 Fairmount Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19130

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Project H.O.M.E. to support educational and occupational initiatives for at-risk youth at the organization's learning center. This state-of-the-art technology center has over 250 computers, digital technology, and educational software. The program helps youth build literacy and technology skills, and offers afterschool, summer, and daytime programs. This initiative works to ensure that all children in the community have the opportunity to reach their full potential, and ultimately improves their literacy skills, technology skills, and access to higher education benefitting the community as a whole.

Recipient: United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley

Location: 2200 Avenue A, 3rd Floor, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley to implement the community schools model to transform a school into the hub of the neighborhood, so students and families can have their needs met in one place. Funds will be used for staffing, training, and program-related costs. The community schools model organizes a wide array of programs and services in one location, helping to remove barriers for students to learn, thereby increasing graduation rates.

Recipient: United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania

Location: 7 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania to support the recruitment, training and placement of both mentors and mentees in school-based mentoring programs serving youth at high risk of dropping out of school. Effective mentoring can improve school attendance, decrease violence and substance abuse, and help young people, especially those at-risk for dropping out of schools, set and achieve their goals. The high school graduation rate is reaching what some experts consider to be a crisis and the reality that some public schools would benefit from additional outside assistance has propelled a movement to link schools and communities to help students succeed.

Recipient: Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.

Location: 2007 N. Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. for the development of a truancy prevention program in Lancaster County. The program targets court-involved youth, special needs youth, and students residing in low-income housing. The program recognizes that truancy is typically related to other issues such as homelessness, family dysfunction, other behavioral problems, and emotional challenges. By addressing these issues along with truancy, the initiative helps students succeed in school and in the community.

FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Recipient: Albright College

Location: 13th and Bern Streets, Reading, PA 19612

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Albright College for the acquisition of updated computer technology. The college has adopted a five-year replacement policy, in which 20% of all computers are replaced each year, resulting in 200 new computers annually. Complex and increasing global

and national conditions demand that advanced education, which includes the utilization of computers, become a critical U.S. priority.

Recipient: Allegheny College

Location: 520 North Main Street, Box 21, Meadville, PA 16335

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Allegheny College to be used for the Creek Connections project which promotes watershed education, conservation, and sustainability by providing teachers with equipment and professional development to assist with ongoing water investigations in their classrooms. The long term economic competitiveness of the U.S. depends, in part, on ensuring that students, from their earliest years in school, have access to advanced science and mathematics curricula and teachers skilled in teaching science subjects.

Recipient: Alvernia University

Location: 540 Upland Avenue, Reading, PA 19611

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Alvernia University to provide need-based grants to students transferring to the university from the Reading Area Community College. A pilot program that issues merit-based awards will also be created. Many of the students who attend the Reading Area Community College are financially disadvantaged and/or are working adults. Increased student aid will help make it possible for students to carry less of a work burden outside of the classroom and concentrate on their studies. Additionally, during times of economic difficulties, more working adults will need continuing education in baccalaureate degree programs to meet the changing needs of the community and the country.

Recipient: American Prosthodontic Society Foundation

Location: PO Box 158, 222 Curtin Street, Osceola Mills, PA 19013

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the American Prosthodontic Society to provide scholarships to dental students from area dental schools who are studying prosthodontics. The goal of the society is to promote the advancement of the discipline of prosthodontics by integrating the generalist, specialist and dental laboratory technician in a manner that will continuously seek improvement of patient treatment. Scholarships will encourage students to enter the field of prosthodontics increasing the availability of skilled professionals throughout the U.S., including rural areas.

Recipient: Bucknell University

Location: 701 Moore Avenue, Lewisburg, PA 17837

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Bucknell University to purchase new laboratory instrumentation in mechanical, civil and chemical engineering, as well as geology and biology. These laboratories will be used for analysis and development of alternative fuel sources and the detection of environmental hazards. Research on, and the development of, alternative energy sources has become imperative as the nation moves towards reducing its dependence on foreign oil.

Recipient: Cabrini College

Location: 610 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Cabrini College to continue programs and activities associated with the Center for Environmental Education, Research and Conservation, with special emphasis on undergraduate research focused on watersheds. Funds will also be used for educational outreach

for K-12 students, and teachers. This program is a model for how to develop educational and research programs that provide measurable benefit and impact on local environmental issues, while enhancing science education for students.

Recipient: California University of Pennsylvania

Location: 250 University Avenue, California, PA 15419

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for California University of Pennsylvania for curriculum development and teacher training, including the use of technology, to enhance science and math capabilities. The U.S. is in need of elementary teachers with science, math and technology teaching skills to close the academic gap with other industrialized countries.

Recipient: Carnegie Mellon University

Location: Warner Hall, 4th Floor, 5000 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15213

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Carnegie Mellon University to accelerate the development of an advanced online tutoring program in Arabic languages, utilizing cognitive learning technologies and computer assisted language instruction. This initiative is designed to significantly advance Arabic language instruction for enhanced governmental and business exchanges that are increasingly vital to public policy and economic development in the global economy.

Recipient: Cedar Crest College

Location: 100 College Drive, Allentown, PA 18104

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Cedar Crest College to acquire scientific equipment and to provide professional development services for faculty to enhance the undergraduate research program in the sciences. Women comprise a majority of all undergraduate students in the U.S., yet they are disproportionately represented in science and engineering fields. Impending shortages in the sciences demand the development of strategies that ensure the successful graduation of an increasing number of students that can fulfill these roles in order to enable the U.S. to compete globally.

Recipient: Chestnut Hill College

Location: 9601 Germantown Avenue

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Chestnut Hill College for curriculum development of a certificate program, workshops and training programs, and community outreach activities associated with the Interdisciplinary Center for Environmental Sciences and Sustainability. The center's primary objective is to focus on training and education related to green jobs to create a skilled energy workforce. The certificate program is designed to educate a wide range of government and business workers, as well as teachers. The goals and objectives of the program are in line with the Administration's calls for the nation to invest in alternative and renewable energy and to create green jobs.

Recipient: Cheyney University of Pennsylvania

Location: 1837 University Circle, PO Box 200, Cheyney, PA 19319

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for intervention programs to help first generation college students and students facing remediation during their first year at college. Programs will include team building activities, a mentoring program initiative, and other retention programs.

Recipient: Community College of Allegheny County

Location: 800 Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Community College of Allegheny County to continue a partnership in PA's northern tier with area businesses and industries. The purpose of the partnership is to provide technical and career postsecondary education in this region. Funds will be used to coordinate with community organizations and industries to serve the employment needs of the region where a community college does not currently exist.

Recipient: DeSales University

Location: 2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley, PA 18034

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for equipment for DeSales University to strengthen medical education and research to reduce hospital-induced illnesses and accidents. The nursing and physicians programs will share a simulated laboratory where they can learn on simulated patients before working with humans.

Recipient: Dickinson College

Location: PO Box 1773, Carlisle, PA 17013

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Dickinson College to purchase scientific instrumentation to enhance the research and research training facilities of the college's chemistry, biochemistry, and molecular biology departments. Equipment includes: a nuclear magnetic resonance imager and high performance liquid chromatographers. Training our nation's future scientists is critical to the U.S. remaining competitive in the global market.

Recipient: Duquesne University

Location: 600 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15282

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Duquesne University to support the university's advanced computer program housed within the university's Center for Computational Sciences (CCS). The CCS produces cutting edge research and educates the next generation of highly skilled and knowledgeable research scientists and engineers.

Recipient: East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

Location: Rosenkrans W. Room 107, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania for faculty, program and laboratory costs associated with a science initiative on the campus. This program has been undertaken to promote student academic development in the sciences and faculty research in partnership with NASA.

Recipient: Elizabethtown College

Location: 1 Alpha Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Elizabethtown College for technology infrastructure improvements to create advanced technology classrooms. Investment in technology for these buildings will allow the college to expand and strengthen programs and increase academic research opportunities for students.

Recipient: Gannon University

Location: 109 University Square, Erie, PA 16541

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Gannon University to establish a regional training resource for advanced healthcare information technology to improve quality and efficiency of healthcare and patient safety. The university will work with Hamot Medical Center to improve health sciences education, address critical labor shortages in healthcare, and enhance the health and wellbeing of Pennsylvanians.

Recipient: Harcum College

Location: 750 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Harcum College for a science education curricula for middle school students and teachers. Funding will also support health science fairs, the video-conferencing of specific health science courses to rural areas, expansion of health sciences courses, and scientific equipment acquisition. According to studies by the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering, the United States is falling dangerously behind in the global marketplace of science and technology. This initiative will train future health scientists and teachers to combat this negative trend and further develop science education in the U.S.

Recipient: Harrisburg University of Science and Technology

Location: 326 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Harrisburg University of Science and Technology for science academic program development, including three new technology programs that the university is developing: cyber security, software development, and new media and learning technologies design. Funds will be used to research, analyze and develop these programs, including equipment for labs. This initiative will help increase student competence and capacity in science and technology, and help ensure underrepresented students access to higher education, as well as linking learning and research to practical outcomes.

Recipient: Immaculata University

Location: 1145 King Road, Immaculata, PA 19345

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Immaculata University to support nursing education programs at the baccalaureate and masters levels, as well as allied health sciences and health care management. Funds will be used for faculty, technology support, instructional resources, and curriculum development. The university is responding, in conjunction with their hospital partners, to the national health care crisis addressing the nursing shortage through nursing education, allied health sciences and health care management programs.

Recipient: Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Location: 1011 South Drive, John Sutton hall, Room 235, Indiana, PA 15705

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Indiana University of Pennsylvania to research geographical and information analysis techniques that will make the university's collection of original and digitized mine maps universally accessible to prevent and manage mine-related emergencies in Indiana, PA. The initiative will improve the safety of future coal mining activities by decreasing the risk that coal operators

encounter in unknown abandoned mines. By providing needed information about the accurate location of abandoned mines and training in the use of digitized maps, this initiative will lead to improved safety and emergency response.

Recipient: Lackawanna College

Location: 501 Vine Street, Scranton, PA 18509

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lackawanna College to support a science center, which will serve as an educational, community outreach and research facility. This funding will support the purchase of necessary equipment for an educational facility that demonstrates the concepts of a green building and sustainable development. During the past decade, issues surrounding the environment, environmental preservation and conservation have assumed global significance. This initiative will help promote the use of alternate energy sources and education about energy conservation.

Recipient: Lehigh Carbon Community College

Location: 4525 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lehigh Carbon Community College to improve technical education, particularly in math and science. Funding for the community college will support development of a baccalaureate degree in applied technology. There is a high demand for technicians trained in high levels of information technology. As advancing technology and global pressure reduce the employment potential for low or non-skilled workers, sustaining a highly qualified workforce will keep the U.S. competitive in the global marketplace.

Recipient: Lincoln University

Location: 1570 Baltimore Pike, Lincoln University, PA 19352

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lincoln University to implement a summer bridge program for college bound students. The goal is to assist students in closing the gap between high school and college ensuring a smooth transition to higher education. The program will provide academic support to students to enhance persistence and retention of students working towards a four year degree.

Recipient: Marywood University

Location: 2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Marywood University for equipment, technology, materials, and supplies to support development of a new Architecture school and associated academic programs. This program will educate future architects in the pioneering principles and practices of sustainability. The initiative will teach architects how to rebuild, reshape and renew buildings, communities, and the environment.

Recipient: Mercyhurst College

Location: 501 East 38th Street, Erie, PA 16546

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mercyhurst College to implement a pilot program to provide support services for students with Asperger's Syndrome. This program will provide students with counseling support and academic services. Despite the superior intellectual capability of many students with Asperger's Syndrome, this group is underrepresented on local college campuses. This initiative

will develop the support services that will allow this unique and growing population to succeed in an academic setting.

Recipient: Muhlenberg College

Location: 2400 Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18104

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Muhlenberg College to support fellowships in civic engagement and economic development for undergraduates. Specifically, this program will leverage college resources and partnerships to engage students in addressing health, housing, economic development, and urban education needs. The program promotes leadership, civic engagement, and multicultural competence with individuals, groups, and systems for the advancement of socially responsible citizenry in a context of lifelong application.

Recipient: Neumann University

Location: 1 Neumann Drive, Aston, PA 19014

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Neumann University for programs, equipment, laboratories, and career counseling to support workforce training and cooperative education. Funds will further develop and establish pharmacy education laboratories and allow for the acquisition of state-of-the-art laboratory instrumentation and equipment. By designing ongoing education programs that focus on re-training adult learners in fields where there is the best chance of employment opportunity, Neumann University is responding to the needs of today's economy.

Recipient: Northampton Community College

Location: 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Northampton Community College for a high fidelity simulation mannequin to replicate the clinical experiences students encounter in their role as a registered or practical nurse. The increasing complexity of the healthcare environment has demanded an increase in the level of preparation of nurses. The project allows students to learn in a realistic clinical situation, while in a safe and controlled environment.

Recipient: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Location: 4180 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine for equipment and technical improvements to the college's Physician Assistant Collaboration in Inter-professional Medical Education Program. Physician Assistants can provide cost effective medical care wherever the need exists, and improved clinical teaching resources will improve patient health and reduce medical errors.

Recipient: Philadelphia University

Location: Schoolhouse Lane and Henry Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Philadelphia University for its Scientific Reasoning-Inquiry Based Education Initiative. This project will transform teaching and learning by developing pedagogical strategies based on scientific reasoning and inquiry-based instruction at the university and at neighboring high schools. Funds will be used to equip science laboratories and classroom space and to install advanced technology research equipment. This project is responding to the national and regional need for

professionals and technicians to be better trained in science and technology, so that the nation can remain competitive internationally.

Recipient: Point Park University

Location: 201 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Point Park University to purchase critical lab equipment for the university's civil and electrical engineering technology programs that will help produce the next generation of engineers needed to respond to infrastructure and alternative energy initiatives. The project's goals are to increase employment opportunities by improving math and science education, and promoting alternative energy solutions.

Recipient: Saint Joseph's University

Location: 5600 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Saint Joseph's University to support the university's continuing education initiative to serve veterans, unemployed workers, and workers who seek to re-train for the current workforce with the requisite 21st century knowledge and skills. During times of economic crisis and job cuts, higher education should offer all Americans an opportunity to be productive citizens. This initiative will attract the target population to enroll in programs which will lead to employment opportunities, and provide economic support and personal mentoring to ensure the candidate's ability to complete the chosen program of study.

Recipient: Saint Vincent College

Location: 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Saint Vincent College to acquire critical instrumentation and laboratory equipment to support the college's academic, research and outreach programs. The establishment of technologically-advanced laboratories and teaching facilities will increase opportunities for undergraduate education and research, expand interdisciplinary programs in emerging fields such as biotechnology and environmental science, and support partnerships with industry. This initiative will help improve one of the nation's most pressing needs – improving students' education in mathematics and science.

Recipient: Security on Campus, Inc.

Location: 133 Ivy Lane, Suite 200, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Security on Campus, Inc. to support the organization's Jeanne Clery Act Training program to reflect new campus security reporting requirements. This includes assisting institutions in complying with the new requirements, training faculty, offering a pilot session for colleges and universities in southeastern PA, and training in various media formats. Campus safety is an important priority for postsecondary institutions and the nation, and this initiative helps institutions keep students, faculty, and staff safe on college and university campuses across the nation.

Recipient: Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

Location: 1871 Old Main Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania to make information technology and telecommunications infrastructure upgrades throughout the campus. This project includes relocation and expansion of the current fiber optic network to improve the system's redundancy

and flexibility. By improving campus telecommunications infrastructure, students will have access to advanced technology, which will enhance their learning and faculty will have the technologic tools necessary to educate students and help prepare them for the competitive technologically driven workplace.

Recipient: Susquehanna University

Location: 514 University Avenue, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Susquehanna University to provide equipment and instrumentation for a new science center. The center will support student learning, laboratory experiments, student-faculty collaborative research, K-12 science education programs and summer teacher training. The initiative will help educate the next generation of scientists, researchers and teachers, while providing increased science literacy to non-science majors.

Recipient: Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology

Location: 750 E. King Street, Lancaster, PA 17602

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology to purchase and install a campus-wide web portal that will enhance student and academic services, promote technical education to support PA's growing technical workforce demands, and improve access to life-long learning for students through an online community. The campus-wide web portal will provide access to higher education for low income, first generation, and other at-risk students.

Recipient: Thiel College

Location: 75 College Avenue

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Thiel College to improve educational resources and access to higher education through redesigning classrooms and providing technology enhancements and infrastructure improvements. By utilizing new technologically enhanced classrooms, the college will be better able to prepare students for work in today's global environment.

Recipient: University of Scranton

Location: 800 Linden Street, Scranton, PA 18510

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the University of Scranton to support the university's nursing and allied health programs and to purchase new equipment critical to the education of future health care professionals. The U.S. continues to look for solutions to deal with the current shortages in nurses, and this initiative helps produce qualified and well trained graduates to meet this demand.

Recipient: Valley Forge Military College

Location: 1001 Eagle Road, Wayne, PA 19087

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Valley Forge Military College for program development, personnel, technology and instructional materials associated with the establishment of the Learning Assessment and Support Center at the college. The center will provide instruction in math and science, basic skills development, and technology-assisted support for those with learning disabilities.

Recipient: Washington and Jefferson College

Location: 60 South Lincoln Street, Washington, PA 15301

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Washington and Jefferson College to further develop the Culturally Authentic Pictorial Lexicon (CAPL) program, which provides tools to enhance student access to foreign languages and cultures in a visual, web-based format. As the nation is in need of growing the base of people who speak critical languages, the program satisfies the need among language educators and students for an accessible and publicly available tool that illustrates the cultural context of languages.

Recipient: West Chester University

Location: Filano Hall, Room 101, West Chester University, PA 19383

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for West Chester University for technology infrastructure improvements. Improvements will include software licenses, computer replacements, wireless student learning systems, expanded bandwidth, computer laboratories, and enhanced campus networks. Adequate technology infrastructure is critical for the university to be able to provide workforce development initiatives to workers who are looking to retrain for emerging employment opportunities.

Recipient: Widener University

Location: One University Place, Chester, PA 19013

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Widener University to develop simulated patient care environments and scenarios, including a hospital unit, critical care/trauma unit, primary care provider office, and homecare facility. Funds will be used to purchase high-fidelity mannequins, computer equipment and simulation recording and viewing systems. The nation is currently facing a significant nursing shortage and this initiative will allow the university to continue to educate its nursing students at the highest level, while also attracting new students to the field.

Recipient: Wilson College

Location: 1015 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Wilson College, which is a liberal arts women's college in Chambersburg, PA, to purchase scientific equipment which will facilitate student educational and research experiences in molecular biology and biochemistry in a certified science education facility. The U.S. must enhance and increase its scientific accomplishments in order to remain competitive in the global economy. At the same time, women remain seriously underrepresented in the various science fields. This initiative addresses these issues and encourages more women to study and consider future careers in science, mathematics and technology.

Recipient: York College of Pennsylvania

Location: GH-125A, York, PA 17403

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for York College of Pennsylvania to support its nursing programs and laboratories. These learning laboratories replicate actual clinical settings and will help provide improved educational experiences for nursing graduates entering the health care profession. This program will help meet the growing demand for qualified workers in the healthcare industry by creating and maintaining jobs and limiting the rising costs of health care.

REHAB SERVICES

Recipient: AAdvantage Foundation, Inc.

Location: 201 South Johnson Road, Foxpoint Centre, Suite 200, Houston, PA 15342

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the AAdvantage Foundation, Inc. for the continued development of the Arc of Washington County. The AAdvantage Foundation, Inc. provides direct services to individuals with disabilities and their families. This program will help ensure that individuals with disabilities and their families are supported by professionals, who understand the ever-changing mental health and mental retardation system.

Recipient: Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Location: 115 Meadow Avenue, Scranton, PA

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania to provide critical information regarding community and educational supports to children and adults with intellectual disabilities and their families who reside in Monroe County, PA. The nation is currently experiencing an increase in the reported number of children and adults with autism, and the Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania offers this growing constituency the advocacy and assistance that these individuals need.

Recipient: Cumberland Perry Association for Retarded Citizens

Location: 71 Ashland Avenue, Carlisle, PA 17013

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Cumberland Perry Association for Retarded Citizens to create employment and volunteer opportunities for people with the dual diagnosis of autism and mental retardation. This program will teach participants how to relate/interact with others in work settings and in the community.

Recipient: Elwyn, Inc.

Location: 1 Judy Way, Aston, PA 19014

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Elwyn, Inc. to develop a job placement program which targets veterans and other non traditional disabled populations. This program will enhance employment programs at Elwyn and will place nontraditional disabled individuals in all industries and service sectors in southeastern PA.

Recipient: Pennsylvania Association for Individuals with Disabilities

Location: 727 Goucher Street, Johnstown, PA 15905

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Pennsylvania Association for Individuals with Disabilities to assist individuals with disabilities in finding employment. Funding will support a leadership program for individuals with disabilities to encourage leadership, self esteem and community responsibility, as well as provide workforce training. Due to the growing rate of unemployment among individuals with disabilities, it is crucial that assistance is provided to combat the overwhelming barriers to employment.

Recipient: Pennsylvania Association for the Blind

Location: 555 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind for additional personnel, training, and equipment to provide specialized services to persons with blindness or serious visual impairment. Services will include: blindness prevention vision screening; Braille instruction;

counseling; mobility training; vocational rehabilitation; and technology training. Visually impaired persons are at risk of losing their independence and often become isolated increasing the need for services. Pennsylvania Association for the Blind helps prevent blindness through education and vision screenings, as well as provides services and life skills training for the visually impaired.

Recipient: Supporting Autism and Families Everywhere (S.A.F.E.) Inc.

Location: 275 Mundy Street, Suite 201, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for S.A.F.E. Inc. to provide support for Autism Spectrum Disorder populations. Pennsylvania has a large and growing population of Autism Spectrum Disorder individuals turning twenty-one years old and entering the workforce. S.A.F.E.'s programs will provide services and life skills training to this population to increase the chances of individuals becoming efficiently and effectively employed.

Recipient: Valor's Foundation

Location: 57 Teaberry Drive, Drum, PA 18222

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Valor's Foundation to develop a high school for students with learning disabilities such as dyslexia and Autism Spectrum Disorders. The current rate of Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorders is one in 150 individuals and this population is facing unique challenges that must be addressed by improving the nation's education system.

U.S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (ACF)

Recipient: Crisis Center North

Location: 1008 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Crisis Center North to provide counseling and advocacy services to victims of domestic violence and prevention education to schools and community members. Domestic violence and sexual assault affect over 1.5 million women in America. Funding will allow the crisis center to continue to provide services to victims in Pennsylvania and help them to attain safety and economic stability.

Recipient: Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children

Location: 206 North Church Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children for support services which are provided at an emergency shelter for homeless families and to support a transitional housing program for families, including food and clothing as needed. In these difficult economic times many families are losing their homes. Friends Association provides important services and supports to help families attain permanent housing.

Recipient: PathWaysPA

Location: 310 Amosland Road, Holmes, PA 19043

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for PathWaysPA for a program to provide supportive services to pregnant and parenting teens between the ages of 13 and 21. The program will include

parenting services, education advocacy, life skills training and community resources. This program will help to prevent child abuse and neglect, as well as work to strengthen families and communities. This project has been shown to reduce foster care placements and improve health and behavioral outcomes for the teens and their children that have been served.

Recipient: Women Against Abuse

Location: 100 South Broad Street, Suite 1341, Philadelphia, PA 19110

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Women Against Abuse for services for victims of domestic violence, including emergency shelter and long term housing, legal aid, counseling and supportive services. Domestic violence and sexual assault affect over 1.5 million women in America. Women Against Abuse operates one of the only emergency shelter in Philadelphia specifically for domestic violence victims serving more than 10,000 individuals annually. This funding will allow Women Against Abuse to continue to provide services to this vulnerable population in Philadelphia, and prevent abused women and children from staying with an abuser or living on the street.

Recipient: Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh

Location: P.O. Box 9024, Pittsburgh, PA 15224

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh for emergency housing support services for domestic violence victims in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Funding would also be used to provide food, clothing, medical advocacy, and counseling. Domestic violence and sexual assault affect over 1.5 million women in America. Funding gaps and rising numbers of domestic violence cases have threatened the center's ability to provide comprehensive services. Funding will allow the center to continue to support victims of domestic violence.

ADMINISTRATION ON AGING (AOA)

Recipient: Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement

Location: 625 Liberty Avenue, Suite 3200, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement to provide financial information and resources on retirement, care giving and long-term care planning to women. According to research, 1 in 4 older women lives in poverty, and with the growing aging population, the numbers of women with limited resources will increase as well. The services the institute provides will help to ensure the long-term financial viability of these women and improve their quality of life in retirement.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)

Recipient: Children's Institute of Pittsburgh

Location: 1405 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217-1350

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Children's Institute of Pittsburgh for research into environmental triggers of autism in order to develop effective treatments. Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability today, with one in 150 children born with autism. Research conducted into environmental triggers could have a profound impact on children's health.

Recipient: City of Philadelphia

Location: 600 Municipal Services Building, 1401 JFK Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the City of Philadelphia for a city-wide electronic prenatal care registry. This registry will help to improve the safety and quality of care for pregnant women by linking community-based providers with hospitals to ensure timely and accurate sharing of information.

Recipient: College of Physicians of Philadelphia

Location: 19 South 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the College of Physicians of Philadelphia to provide access to health information and community resources, health literacy training and outreach to underserved populations via PhillyHealthInfo.org. This web site will provide residents in Southeastern Pennsylvania with accurate, unbiased health care information and increase their access to affordable care by directing them to services and providers in their area.

Recipient: Family Hospice & Palliative Care

Location: 50 Moffett Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Family Hospice & Palliative Care to support educational programs on end-of-life care aimed at patient families, health professionals and the general public, including information on advance directives, bereavement support and legal issues. Education on end-of-life care prepares Americans for the inevitable. It teaches them to make informed decisions either for a loved one or for themselves and assists in the development of coping skills that improves the quality of life so that final months are lived with integrity.

Recipient: Healthy Northeast Pennsylvania Initiative

Location: 100 Abington Executive Park, Clarks Summit, PA 18411

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Healthy Northeast Pennsylvania Initiative to conduct a needs assessment in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties, PA, and provide educational programs to address and prevent obesity. Over the past 20 years there has been a dramatic increase in obesity in the U.S., leading to an increase in adverse health consequences including hypertension, diabetes type II, and other chronic conditions. This project will enable health systems to plan, prioritize and deliver and community health initiatives to meet the needs of citizens in the region. Programming on obesity will assist in the elimination and lower the incidence of chronic conditions.

Recipient: Jewish Healthcare Foundation

Location: 650 Smithfield Street, Suite 2400, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Jewish Healthcare Foundation to provide a model of web-based education and training tools for healthcare professionals, including end-of-life care, pathology and infection reduction. This model will rapidly disseminate best practice training and models of care to healthcare professionals throughout the country. Providing healthcare professionals with access information will help to address deficiencies in patient outcomes and safety.

Recipient: Northeast Regional Cancer Institute

Location: 334 Jefferson Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute to expand the Institute's current hospital-based Regional Cancer Registry to include outpatient oncology, related specialty practices and laboratories within a seven county area of Northeast Pennsylvania. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, and comprehensive incidence and outcome data are necessary to advance research and treatment. This project will create a valuable public health and cancer control resource that could be replicated across the country.

Recipient: Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

Location: 500 University Drive, R110, Hershey, PA 17033

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center for a comprehensive stroke recurrence prevention program for patients in their first year of recovery, including best lifestyle choices, caregiver support, and education. More than half of all Americans with chronic diseases do not follow their physician's medication and lifestyle guidance. The aim of this program is to facilitate patient engagement in their care and lifestyle choices. The benefits of prevention and treatment for patients with stroke, cardiovascular disease, and associated risk factors include an improvement in the quality of life and a decrease in complications.

Recipient: Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition

Location: 344 North Reading Road, Ephrata, PA 17522

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition to increase awareness of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Program within Pennsylvania and to continue the coalition's patient advocacy efforts. There is a large number of women and providers in Pennsylvania who are not aware of, or do not know how to access, treatment options for breast cancer, including the free treatment which became available through the Breast & Cervical Cancer Prevention & Treatment Program in Pennsylvania. This initiative tries to ensure that women do not fall through the cracks in the healthcare system, and that all who qualify for free breast cancer treatment receive it.

Recipient: SIDS of PA, Inc.

Location: 810 River Avenue, Suite 250, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for SIDS of PA, Inc. to expand their current education program on safe sleeping environments for infants. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is the number one cause of infant mortality after the first month of age in America. Research has determined that 85 percent of infant deaths diagnosed as SIDS died in places other than a properly assembled and maintained crib. This project aims to save babies' lives through education and intervention efforts in Pennsylvania and across the country.

Recipient: Siloam Inc.

Location: 1133 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Siloam Inc. for educational programs and services to support people living with HIV/AIDS, their caregivers and health care professionals. In the Delaware Valley, 30,000 people, and in the City of Philadelphia, 17,000 people have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. An integrated medical model of medicine and educational programs and services improves patients' quality of life and assists those with HIV/AIDS to becoming active citizens in their communities.

Recipient: Slippery Rock University

Location: 1 Morrow Way, Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Slippery Rock University for a pilot program for returning soldiers with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), consisting of individualized coaching for PTSD and health promotion programs. Returning soldiers need specialized assistance and services which may not be available to them. The program aims to meet these unmet needs and improve health outcomes and quality of life for these soldiers.

Recipient: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Location: U.S. Steel Tower, 600 Grant Street, Floor 60, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) for a healthcare delivery model focusing on asthma, diabetes, maternal and child health, cardiovascular disease, cancer and oral health. This model will also include assistance with access to health insurance, health education and disease prevention activities. UPMC has consistently served low-income, minority communities located within the hospital's service area. These low-income individuals are disproportionately underserved in the areas of asthma, diabetes, maternal and child health, cardiovascular disease, cancer, and oral health. This program will reach these individuals who lack access to quality health care and educate them on the importance of lifelong health.

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA)

Recipient: Albert Einstein Healthcare Network

Location: 5501 Old York Road, Philadelphia, PA 19141

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Albert Einstein Healthcare Network for construction and equipment to expand its maternity services center. Funds will be used for a Simulation and Education Center, additional beds, an expanded triage unit and a new prenatal testing unit. According to Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, 17 hospitals in Philadelphia have ended their maternity care services since 1997, greatly limiting access to care. Expanding the maternity services center will help to improve access to care for Philadelphia residents, as well as provide training for future medical professionals.

Recipient: Allegheny General Hospital

Location: One Allegheny Square Suite 665, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Allegheny General Hospital for equipment, computer software and a unit dose packaging system in order to implement Knowledge Based Medication Administration at Allegheny General Hospital and its Suburban Campus. According to research, medication errors injure approximately 1.5 million Americans every year and cost up to \$3.5 billion. This system will help decrease errors in medication administration, thereby increasing patient safety and reducing costs.

Recipient: Allied Services Foundation

Location: 100 Abington Executive Park, Clarks Summit, PA 18411

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Allied Services Foundation to purchase equipment and supplies to assist in safely moving patients at Allied's rehabilitation hospitals. According to a 2002 Bureau of Labor Statistics Report, health care jobs are among the most hazardous occupations, with a high

risk of falls and injuries to staff. Patient populations are also older and more fragile and than ever before. This equipment will help ensure the safety of staff and patients.

Recipient: Altoona Regional Health System

Location: 620 Howard Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Altoona Regional Health System for digital mammography equipment in its breast imaging center. Mammograms are critical for early detection of breast cancer, which is important for treatment and improved outcomes. This equipment will help to improve patient care and outcomes.

Recipient: Barnes-Kasson County Hospital

Location: 2872 Turnpike Street, Susquehanna, PA 18847

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Barnes-Kasson County to purchase a cardiac monitoring system and accessory equipment to convert analog information to digital. The hospital's existing cardiac equipment is below current standards of care. Updated equipment is vital for improved patient care, especially in the Emergency Room and Intensive Care Unit where patients have critical needs.

Recipient: Bloomsburg Hospital

Location: 549 Fair Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Bloomsburg Hospital for purchase or renovation of a new facility for an off-site branch location in Benton, PA. Funding will also be used for equipment, supplies, personnel and start-up costs. This new facility is important for increasing access to care for residents in rural areas, especially areas with little or no public transportation.

Recipient: Broad Top Area Medical Center, Inc.

Location: 4133 Medical Center Drive, Box 127, Broad Top City, PA 16621-0127

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Broad Top Area Medical Center, Inc. to purchase a bone density system and replace x-ray equipment. This equipment will improve access to care for underserved populations and help to recruit and retain needed medical professionals.

Recipient: Butler Health System

Location: 911 East Brady Street, Butler, PA 16001

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Butler Health System to purchase a Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS) data archive storage and equipment for three imaging centers. Funding would also be used for angiography equipment for diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular-related diseases. This equipment will help to reduce medical errors and improve patient safety.

Recipient: Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center

Location: 212 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center for laboratory fees, medical and dental equipment and supplies to assist in providing free medical and dental services to individuals without insurance and ineligible for government assistance. There are a high

number of uninsured individuals in the Pittsburgh area. The center provides a safety net of care for the working poor who lack adequate health insurance.

Recipient: Charles Cole Memorial Hospital

Location: 1001 East Second Street, Coudersport, PA 16915

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Charles Cole Memorial Hospital for expansion and renovation of the Emergency Department, including a remodeled trauma room, secure psychiatric room, new triage room and additional specialty treatment rooms. This will increase the hospital's capacity to care for patients, as well as improve care and services particularly focusing on infection control.

Recipient: Chester County Hospital

Location: 701 East Marshall Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Chester County Hospital to build and equip an inpatient facility at the hospital that will encompass up to 72 beds and surgical and cardiac services. Chester County is one of the fastest growing counties in Pennsylvania. With a growing population, there is a need for increased inpatient beds in order to continue to provide care.

Recipient: Children's Hospital of KidsPeace

Location: 5300 KidsPeace Drive, Orefield, PA 18069

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Children's Hospital of KidsPeace to renovate the current building to create four therapy rooms, for individual, group and family therapy. It is estimated that 1 in 5 children and adolescents have a diagnosable mental health disorder. It is necessary for the hospital to expand its facilities in order to address increased utilization of mental health services.

Recipient: Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Location: 1251 Waterfront Place, Floor 5, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh to purchase equipment for its neurological center, including a CT scan. The hospital is viewed as a leader in specialized brain and spinal surgery. This equipment will be utilized in innovative, non-invasive procedures to remove tumors and correct spinal deformities, and to help improve patient safety during procedures.

Recipient: Commonwealth Medical College

Location: 150 North Washington Street, Scranton, PA 18510

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Commonwealth Medical College to purchase biomedical equipment for a molecular biology facility. This equipment will help to advance research into molecular basis of disease and risk as well as encourage economic development in the region through training a biomedical research workforce and stimulating the development of biotechnology companies.

Recipient: Community Medical Center

Location: 1800 Mulberry Street, Scranton, PA 18510

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Community Medical Center for automated documentation tools to standardize nursing documentation, including training and education for nurses who will use the system. These tools will help to improve patient safety by reducing errors or omissions

in patient records, as well as assist the nursing workforce in providing quality care as nursing shortages increase.

Recipient: Cornerstone Care

Location: 7 Glassworks Road, Greensboro, PA 15338

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Cornerstone Care to support dentists and hygienists in providing dental care to uninsured and underserved populations. Research has shown that poor dental health is correlated with other health problems such as diabetes, heart disease and stroke. The services Cornerstone Care will provide will improve access for underserved individuals and help to reduce their overall health care costs.

Recipient: Corry Memorial Hospital Association

Location: 612 West Smith Street, Corry, PA 16407

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Corry Memorial Hospital Association for medical equipment for a replacement facility. This will improve access to care for residents of Northwestern Pennsylvania and help to recruit needed health professionals to the area.

Recipient: Crozer-Chester Medical Center

Location: One Medical Center Boulevard, Upland, PA 19013

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Crozer-Chester Medical Center to purchase 4 critical care beds for the Shock Trauma Unit. These beds will be equipped to improve patient outcomes, including preventing hospital-acquired infections and reducing pressure ulcers, pneumonia and other complications.

Recipient: Delaware Valley Community Health

Location: 1412 Fairmount Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19130

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Delaware Valley Community Health for the expansion of the current laboratory space at Fairmount Park Primary Care Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center. Expanding the laboratory space will enhance access to services and decrease waiting time. This will ultimately lead to better coordinated and quality care and savings on overall health care costs.

Recipient: Doylestown Hospital

Location: 595 West State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Doylestown Hospital for a 64-Slice CT Scanner. This advanced imaging technology is necessary to diagnose arterial blockages, aortic dissections and pulmonary embolisms, by using unprecedented resolution and speed. By purchasing and installing this scanner, Doylestown Hospital can provide significant additional preventative and accurate diagnostic care to its patients.

Recipient: Elk Regional Health Center

Location: 763 Johnsonsburg Road, St. Marys, PA 15857

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Elk Regional Health Center to purchase digital mammography equipment. This technology will provide access to accurate and efficient mammographies for women in this rural community.

Recipient: Ellwood City Hospital

Location: 724 Pershing Street, Ellwood City, PA 16117

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Ellwood City Hospital for construction of and equipment for a cardiac catheterization lab at the hospital. The creation of a cardiac catheterization lab would provide access to cardiac care services for this rural community.

Recipient: Endless Mountains Health Systems

Location: 1-3 Grow Avenue, Montrose, PA 18801

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Endless Mountains Health Systems to purchase equipment for a replacement Critical Access Hospital, including imaging, emergency room and operating room equipment. These funds will help complete a larger project to replace a hospital which will provide enhanced emergency services in a rural underserved area.

Recipient: Ephrata Community Hospital

Location: 169 Martin Ave., P.O. Box 1002, Ephrata, PA 17522-1002

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Ephrata Community Hospital to purchase digital mammography equipment and technology. This technology will improve early detection of breast cancers. Early detection increases the odds of a positive outcome for the patient.

Recipient: Excelsior Health Westmoreland Hospital

Location: One Mellon Way, Latrobe, PA 15650

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Excelsior Health Westmoreland Hospital to implement an electronic medical records system. This technology allows for medical service providers to share test results, medical assessments and patient information. This decreases the need for repeat testing, minimizes prescription drug errors and the resultant increased costs.

Recipient: Fulton County Medical Center

Location: 214 Orchard Road, McConnellsburg, PA 17233

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Fulton County Medical Center for clinical equipment, including an MRI upgrade, mammography equipment, and cardiology equipment. This equipment will provide access to critical health care services for the rural community of Fulton County, which would be otherwise unavailable.

Recipient: Gateway Rehabilitation Center

Location: 311 Rouser Road, Moon Township, PA 15108-2719

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Gateway Rehabilitation Center to purchase medical equipment for the expansion of a detoxification unit from 16 to 28 beds. Medically supervised detoxification is essential for patients struggling with opioid dependence (including heroin or, increasingly, prescription drugs) or severe alcohol dependence. Detox increases the likelihood a patient will continue with treatment and achieve recovery, thereby improving health outcomes, family relationships, and the community.

Recipient: Geisinger Health System

Location: 2601 Market Place Commerce Court, Suite 100, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Geisinger Health System to purchase and install an Electronic Intensive Care Unit Telemedicine System. The system incorporates centralized monitoring of ICU beds from a command center. This technology will result in improved and more efficient health care for rural patients living in North Central and Northeastern Pennsylvania and help stabilize financially distressed community hospitals by providing them with critical care outreach services and access to highly trained specialists currently unavailable to them.

Recipient: Grand View Hospital, Inc.

Location: 700 Lawn Ave, Sellersville, PA 18960

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Grand View Hospital, Inc. to implement an electronic medical records system. This technology allows for medical service providers to share test results, medical assessments and patient information. This decreases the need for repeat testing, minimizes prescription drug errors and the resultant increased costs.

Recipient: Hamot Medical Center

Location: 201 State Street, Erie, PA 16550

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Hamot Medical Center for equipment at various facilities, including ventilators and IV pumps. Funding will also be used to train and educate nurses and paramedics. This project will help to eliminate barriers to care that rural residents often experience, and improve patient outcomes through timelier treatment. This project will also enhance the skill sets of nurses and paramedics in the local community by providing necessary education and training.

Recipient: Hanover Hospital, Inc.

Location: 300 Highland Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Hanover Hospital, Inc. to renovate a Medical Surgical unit. This will allow Hanover Hospital to move forward to improve the efficiency of the hospital's overall operations, while enhancing patient care.

Recipient: Heritage Valley Health System

Location: 1000 Dutch Ridge Road,

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Heritage Valley Health System to expand e-Prescribing utilization from 90 to 125 clinicians in the health system. E-prescribing reduces medication errors, which reduces healthcare costs and improves health outcomes.

Recipient: Holy Family University

Location: 9801 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19114

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Holy Family University for the acquisition of equipment and staffing and renovation costs associated with the creation of a Digital Radiography Laboratory within the Radiologic Science program. The Digital Radiography Laboratory will allow the University to train certified radiographers, an important workforce need.

Recipient: Holy Redeemer Health System

Location: 667 Welsh Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Holy Redeemer Health System for construction of a health care facility to provide health and wellness services for adults over 50 years old. Focusing on health, wellness and prevention is a good investment for older adults and can be expected to improve quality of life and decrease health care costs for these citizens.

Recipient: Holy Spirit Healthcare System

Location: 503 North 21st Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Holy Spirit Healthcare System to purchase a new IV infusion system and software programs. According to research, medication errors injure approximately 1.5 million Americans every year and cost up to \$3.5 billion. Technology such as computerized medication administration reduces the number and severity of medication related errors.

Recipient: Indiana Regional Medical Center

Location: 835 Hospital Road, Indiana, PA 15701

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Indiana Regional Medical Center for construction of a new operating room, intensive care unit and medical-surgical patient care floor. This will provide upgraded emergency services for this rural community where access is limited to these services.

Recipient: Inglis Foundation

Location: 2600 Belmont Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Inglis Foundation to offer services and resources to low-income seniors and adults with physical disabilities to enable them to live independently. Adults with severe physical disabilities, unable to navigate the complicated systems of funding and care, are prone to increased hospitalizations, emergency room visits and nursing home placement. Increasing access to community-based services and reducing institutionalization is recognized as a way to reduce costs and improve outcomes.

Recipient: J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital

Location: 1225 Warm Springs Avenue, Huntingdon, PA 16652

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital for a Digital Diagnostic Breast Imaging Technology system. This technology will increase early detection of breast cancers. Early detection increases the odds of a positive outcome for the patient.

Recipient: Jameson Memorial Hospital

Location: 1211 Wilmington Avenue, New Castle, PA 16105

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Jameson Memorial Hospital to renovate and expand its emergency room and update equipment. Renovated facilities and updated equipment will support the provision of upgraded emergency services to this community where access is limited to these services.

Recipient: Jefferson Regional Medical Center

Location: 565 Coal Valley Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Jefferson Regional Medical Center to renovate and expand its surgical suite and replace technology and equipment. Updated facilities will house state of the art technology enhancing comprehensive care for the community.

Recipient: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

Location: 1858 West Grandview Boulevard, Erie, PA 16509

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine for a Practice Management Information System (PMIS) to educate medical and pharmacy students on the use of health information technology, such as electronic medical records and e-prescribing. This project focuses on patients' needs and wellness promotion, rather than simply treating illness. The project will train the next generation of medical professionals in the use of the technical tools needed to facilitate diagnostic and pharmacological decision making.

Recipient: Lancaster General Hospital

Location: 609 North Cherry Street, Lancaster, PA 17604

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lancaster General Hospital for equipment to implement e-prescribing and medication management programs. According to research, medication errors injure approximately 1.5 million Americans every year and cost up to \$3.5 billion. These programs will improve patient outcomes and enhance patient safety by reducing errors and providing accurate, timely information to providers.

Recipient: Lehigh Valley Hospital

Location: 1249 South Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18103

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lehigh Valley Hospital to purchase and install Pyxis Automated Medication Dispensing Machines, which will allow nurses to dispense medications safely and efficiently. According to research, medication errors injure approximately 1.5 million Americans every year and cost up to \$3.5 billion. This equipment will increase patient safety and improve operational efficiency, while also reducing costs and improving patient care.

Recipient: Lower Bucks Hospital

Location: 501 Bath Road, Bristol, PA 19007

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lower Bucks Hospital to upgrade equipment in the hospital's catheterization laboratory to treat cardiac and vascular diseases. The hospital serves a primarily older and lower income population will be logistically and financially challenged if local treatment is unavailable. This equipment will increase access to quality care for these patients by allowing the hospital to serve area residents with severe cardiac and vascular disease.

Recipient: Luzerne County Community College

Location: 1333 South Prospect Street, Nanticoke, PA 18634

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Luzerne County Community College to purchase equipment for a simulation laboratory in the health science facility. Luzerne County Community College has an abundance of students applying to the nursing program; however, the college does not have the

space to train more nurses. This equipment will help to address two critical issues - the national problem of the nurse shortage and the education of rural health care providers.

Recipient: Magee-Womens Research Institute and Foundation

Location: 3339 Ward Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3180

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Magee-Womens Research Institute and Foundation for a chromatography system, cell sorter system and confocal microscopy system for research in reproductive health, including gynecological cancers, fetal development and infertility. This equipment is critical in translating information derived from genomic analyses to human diseases in order to improve healthcare. The equipment will assist in fulfilling a critical need to translate research into bedside applications.

Recipient: Marian Community Hospital

Location: 100 Lincoln Avenue, Carbondale, PA 18407

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Marian Community Hospital for medical equipment for its renovated emergency department. Because of the increase in utilization, the hospital's emergency department is unable to adequately handle the current demands of emergency medicine. Over 56 percent of the patients seen in the emergency department consist of Medicare, Medical Assistance and uninsured individuals. Medical equipment will allow the hospital to increase access to care for these populations.

Recipient: Meadville Medical Center

Location: 1015 Grove Street, Meadville, PA 16335

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Meadville Medical Center to purchase upgraded equipment, including a CT Scanner. This scanner provides a non-invasive method of diagnosing illness and injury in an outpatient setting. The patients are able to spend less time in the hospital and less time recovering. This equipment will also improve rural health care access to quality diagnostic services and help reduce health care disparities.

Recipient: Memorial Hospital

Location: 325 South Belmont Street, York, PA 17403

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Memorial Hospital for ultrasound equipment for the Imaging Department. This equipment will allow the hospital to continue to provide appropriate healthcare services to the community and improve the quality of patient care.

Recipient: Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital

Location: 1500 Lansdowne Avenue, Darby, PA 19023

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital to purchase digital mammography equipment. Currently, Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital performs approximately 600 mammograms each month. The acquisition of digital mammography equipment is important for early detection of breast cancer and improved patient care and outcomes.

Recipient: Mercy Health Partners

Location: 746 Jefferson Avenue, Scranton, PA 18501

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mercy Health Partners for renovation and equipment to support a vertical Emergency Department model, including private examination rooms. The model will allow providers to delineate acute care patient needs from outpatient clinic patient needs in a flexible and economical manner. This initiative will provide more efficient care and increased capacity for the region's growing number of under and uninsured patients seeking care.

Recipient: Mercy Philadelphia Hospital

Location: 501 South 54th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143-1900

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mercy Philadelphia Hospital for an updated CT Scanner. The hospital's current scanner frequently breaks down forcing the hospital to divert patients, who are often underserved, away from its Emergency Room. This upgrade in equipment will allow the hospital to provide quality care to patients in their own community.

Recipient: Mid Valley Hospital

Location: 1400 Main Street, Peckville, PA 18452

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mid Valley Hospital for a new nurse call system to increase the efficiency of nurse response times. This system will result in easier patient access to the call system, ultimately making response times less and increasing patient satisfaction and staff efficiencies. Improved response time will also positively affect patient care and outcomes.

Recipient: Misericordia University

Location: 301 Lake Street, Dallas, PA 18612

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Misericordia University to renovate its campus facilities to house Misericordia University's College of Health Sciences. In addition to providing academic instruction in a variety of health care disciplines, it will also serve to provide free or low-cost clinical services to the community. Pennsylvania, like other states, is experiencing a growing public health crisis due to a critical shortage of health care professionals, which is anticipated to grow 15 to 20 percent annually through 2020. Misericordia University's new College of Health Sciences will address the significant demand for health care professionals.

Recipient: Monongahela Valley Hospital

Location: 1163 Country Club Road, Monongahela, PA 15063

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Monongahela Valley Hospital for diagnostic equipment: three digital mammography units, a digital fluoroscopy unit and a digital cystoscopy unit. This advanced diagnostic technology will allow health care providers to detect diseases earlier. Earlier detection of diseases improves the quality of life for patients. Additionally, diseases discovered in earlier stages are easier and less expensive to treat and are treated more successfully. This equipment is essential to the hospital's continued ability to serve its community.

Recipient: Moses Taylor Hospital

Location: 700 Quincy Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Moses Taylor Hospital to purchase and install a surgical C-arm for vascular imaging during surgical procedures. This funding will help to improve

patient safety, and outcomes by creating efficient and real time vascular images during a surgery. It will greatly assist surgeons and their support staffs, and result in shorter patient stays, and reduced healthcare costs.

Recipient: Mount Nittany Medical Center

Location: 1800 East Park Avenue, State College, PA 16803-6797

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Mount Nittany Medical Center to expand the hospital's East Wing for 67 new single rooms. Funding will also be used to upgrade medical equipment in patient rooms and decentralize nursing stations. Mount Nittany Medical Center is the only acute care inpatient hospital in Centre County, PA. The expansion is in response to the increasing demand on the facilities. Along with private rooms to improve patient safety, the construction will decentralize nursing stations and equipment to increase patient access to care.

Recipient: Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine

Location: 111 South 11th Street, Suite 6215 Gibbon Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine to develop two model integrative programs of clinical excellence: an advanced comprehensive health screening program. This project will expand available resources in the greater Philadelphia area for quality integrative medical care and increase access to care for many patients.

Recipient: National Disease Research Interchange

Location: 1628 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, 8th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the National Disease Research Exchange to design and develop standards of practice for procurement and distribution of human organs and tissues used for medical research. There are not enough human organs and tissues available to support all of the important NIH-approved research to treat and cure disease. This request will support an effort to expand the donation of human tissues for medical research in the U.S. from surgical procedures, birth tissues, transplants and after death donations.

Recipient: Nazareth Hospital

Location: 2601 Holme Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19152

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Nazareth Hospital for digital mammography equipment. Mammograms are important for early detection of breast cancer, which leads to improved treatment. The acquisition of digital mammography will improve patient access to care and treatment outcomes.

Recipient: Northeastern Pennsylvania Health Corporation

Location: 700 East Broad Street, Hazelton, PA 18201

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Northeastern Pennsylvania Health Corporation for a C-arm for use in the inpatient and outpatient surgical suites at Hazelton General Hospital to reduce the invasive nature of surgical procedures. This equipment is focused on increasing the number of minimally invasive surgery procedures, particularly vascular and orthopedic surgical procedures. This tool offers enhanced imaging and precision for surgeons, as well as improved patient safety and health outcomes.

Recipient: Northeastern Pennsylvania Technology Institute

Location: 201 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Northeastern Pennsylvania Technology Institute for equipment to implement a regional bioterrorism preparedness network in Northeastern Pennsylvania and train personnel. An effective and efficient response mechanism in place will help to mitigate the consequences of a bioterrorism attack. A coordinated plan and network would allow for such a response and preserve the welfare of citizens. The existence of such a network would also allow a coordinated response to assist other highly vulnerable areas.

Recipient: Ohio Valley General Hospital

Location: 25 Heckel Road, McKees Rock, PA 15136

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Ohio Valley General Hospital to purchase a nuclear medicine camera and related equipment and technology. This equipment will provide for a method of diagnostic imaging that is unique, cost-effective, painless and safe in appropriate patient populations. An updated nuclear medicine camera will help to improve the quality of care for the residents of the region and reduce costs for the hospital.

Recipient: Passavant Memorial Homes Foundation

Location: 100 Passavant Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Passavant Memorial Homes Foundation to purchase a mobile dental unit to provide dental services to individuals with intellectual and development disabilities across Western Pennsylvania. Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have difficulty accessing quality dental care, which is compounded by low Medicaid reimbursement rates, which dissuade many dentists from accepting patients with disabilities. The mobile dental unit will help to increase access to necessary dental care for this underserved population.

Recipient: PinnacleHealth System

Location: 409 South Second Street, P.O. Box 8700, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8700

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for PinnacleHealth System to purchase radiation therapy equipment for use in its cancer treatment center. PinnacleHealth intends to expand its radiation therapy capabilities and move its cancer treatment center to a more convenient location, as radiation technology is generally not available in central Pennsylvania. This project will enhance and improve access to cancer care and research.

Recipient: Pittsburgh Mercy Behavioral Health

Location: 1200 Reedsdale Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Pittsburgh Mercy Behavioral Health for medical and dental equipment and medical beds. This equipment will support an integrated medical, dental, and behavioral health program aimed at removing barriers for vulnerable populations by providing access to medical and dental in the same location as their behavioral and mental treatment occurs. The equipment will help to reduce health care costs and hospitalizations and create a healthier population.

Recipient: Pocono Medical Center

Location: 206 East Brown Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Pocono Medical Center for the construction of a new cancer facility and the purchase of diagnostic and treatment equipment. The northeast Pennsylvania region has a higher rate of cancer than the state average, in a state that has a higher rate of cancer than the national average. The services to be offered through the hospital's proposed upgrade in cancer services are currently unavailable elsewhere in this region. A new facility and new and improved equipment will allow the Pocono Medical Center to provide the community with necessary cancer care services.

Recipient: Preferred Health Care

Location: Sterling Center 20-d, East Roseville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Preferred Health Care for electronic identification healthcare cards and automated direction activities for healthcare facilities in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The proposed project would significantly reduce administrative costs for health care providers and assist beneficiaries in identifying and reviewing the benefits for which they are eligible.

Recipient: Primary Care Health Services

Location: 7227 Hamilton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Primary Care Health Services for medical and dental equipment for use in community health centers, including handicap-accessible dental chairs, x-ray machines, veloscope, colposcopy, and dental instruments. The facility's current equipment has exceeded its useful life and limits the ability to efficiently serve vulnerable and at risk individuals. New equipment will help to improve access to quality care for patients.

Recipient: Reading Hospital and Medical Center

Location: P.O. Box 16052, Reading, PA 19612

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Reading Hospital and Medical Center for a Bi-plane angiography unit for aneurysms treatment. The Bi-plane technology makes available treatment for complex aneurysms that cannot be safely treated by other means. This technology provides an important access to this treatment for the community that the hospital serves, who would otherwise have to travel to other centers for the service.

Recipient: Resources for Human Development, Inc.

Location: 4700 Wissahickon Avenue, Suite 126, Philadelphia, PA 19141

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Resources for Human Development, Inc. to renovate space to create a dental clinic to serve low-income people through a Federally Qualified Health Center. Research has shown that poor dental health is correlated with other health problems such as diabetes, heart disease and stroke. This new dental clinic will serve approximately 3,400 low-income people who currently have no access or limited access to dental care.

Recipient: Sacred Heart Hospital

Location: 421 Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18102

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Sacred Heart Hospital to purchase and upgrade its operating room equipment. This equipment is necessary for the hospital to continue to provide quality patient care, particularly in preventing surgery-related infections.

Recipient: Saint Clair Hospital

Location: 1000 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Saint Clair Hospital for construction and equipment for an addition to the hospital's operating suite, which will house 3 new operating rooms. This funding would enable St. Clair to address overcrowding and delays in its surgical suite, improve access to care, and enhance the health of the communities it serves.

Recipient: Saint Luke's Hospital and Health Network

Location: 801 Ostrum Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Saint Luke's Hospital and Health Network for a CT scanner in the Emergency Department. The Emergency Department at St. Luke's Hospital is one of the busiest Emergency Departments in Pennsylvania, and approximately 15 percent of the patients seen require a CT scan. Providing a CT scanner in the Emergency Department will improve access, patient care and efficiency.

Recipient: Saint Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital

Location: 360 W. Ruddle Street, Coaldale, PA 18218

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Saint Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital to replace 84 patient care beds for the Medical Surgical Unit, the Intensive Care Unit and the Skilled Nursing Unit that meet national standards. These beds will serve economically challenged and elderly populations. The use of these advanced new beds will significantly improve patient care outcomes, caregiver efficiency, and patient safety.

Recipient: Saint Luke's Quakertown Hospital

Location: 1021 Park Avenue, Quakertown, PA 18951

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Saint Luke's Quakertown Hospital to purchase cardiovascular equipment, including a C-arm fluoroscope, operating table, echocardiograph machine and vascular ultrasound machine. Heart disease continues to be the number one killer in the United States. This equipment will allow for improved patient outcomes and access to care.

Recipient: Saint Mary Medical Center

Location: 1201 Langhorne-Newtown Road, Langhorne, PA 19047

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Saint Mary Medical Center for construction, renovation and equipment to add Critical Care capacity to the hospital to relieve overcrowding in the emergency department. In Bucks County, demand for emergency department services is growing rapidly. Additional critical care capacity will relieve overcrowding in the emergency department and improve ability to deliver care.

Recipient: Schuylkill Health System

Location: 420 South Jackson Street, Pottsville, PA 17901

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Schuylkill Health System to improve and replace infrastructure equipment. Replacement of the technology data center would guarantee the security and

reliability required in maintaining health records. This equipment is aimed at improving safety for patients and staff.

Recipient: Seton Hill University

Location: 1 Seton Hill Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Seton Hill University for equipment for clinic facilities to develop Advanced Certificate in Orthodontics at the university. Equipment includes sterilization units and compression/evacuation units. The facilities will also be used to provide impoverished families with clinical care. Orthodontics improve oral health, function and quality of life. However, significant disparities exist regarding access to orthodontic services for low-income families, particularly in Southwestern Pennsylvania as the only area orthodontics clinic that treated the impoverished population closed two years ago. The creation of a free-standing orthodontics certificate program through the Orthodontics Program at Seton Hill University will produce much needed board certified orthodontists and improve access to necessary care.

Recipient: Shamokin Area Community Hospital

Location: 4200 Hospital Road, Coal Township, PA 17866

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Shamokin Area Community Hospital for an electronic medication administration system to reduce errors and improve patient safety. According to research, medication errors injure approximately 1.5 million Americans every year and cost up to \$3.5 billion. This equipment will help the hospital provide safe and effective care, especially to the underserved, rural population it serves.

Recipient: Sharon Regional Health System

Location: 740 E. State Street, Sharon, PA 16146

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Sharon Regional Health System to upgrade equipment in the Cardiac Cath Laboratory in the Heart Center at the hospital, including IV upgrades and cardiac monitors. The Heart Institute at Sharon Regional Health System is the only hospital in Mercer County with advanced cardiac care services. Upgrading the equipment will allow the hospital to provide increased quality of care to its patients.

Recipient: Somerset Hospital

Location: 225 South Center Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Somerset Hospital for telemetry and vital signs monitoring systems. The current monitoring system is 14 years old, making it difficult to locate replacement parts and integrate with new technology. This initiative will benefit the entire community by increasing patient safety, enhancing efficiency, and reducing operational costs.

Recipient: SouthEast Lancaster Health Services, Inc.

Location: P.O. Box 598, Lancaster, PA 17606-0598

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for SouthEast Lancaster Health Services, Inc. for equipment for a Federally Qualified Health Center, including dental chairs, exam tables, blood pressure monitors and a digital radiography system. This equipment is necessary to provide quality patient care in the community.

Recipient: STRP Medical Group, PC

Location: 746 Jefferson Avenue, Scranton, PA 18501

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for STRP Medical Group, PC for a regional Health Information Exchange initiative in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Through shared information on best practices, this exchange aims to reduce the number of duplicate tests, monitor and treat patients with chronic disease, reduce the number of adverse drug and medical events, and reduce operational costs of information delivery.

Recipient: Sullivan County Medical Center

Location: Main and King Streets, Laporte, PA 18626

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Sullivan County Medical Center for medical equipment and supplies and educational materials. The ongoing development and operation of the Sullivan County Medical Center is vital to the area's residents, as there are no hospital facilities located in the service area. The goal of this project is to upgrade medical equipment at the facility and enhance its outreach programs in rural medical care and primary care education.

Recipient: Susquehanna Health

Location: 777 Rural Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Susquehanna Health for a digital C-Arm with Image Intensifier for the operating room, primarily for use in orthopedic and vascular procedures. An increasing number of patients are being treated utilizing minimally invasive procedures, and a Digital C-arm allows for intra-operative navigation and visualization for the surgeon to perform various procedures. Utilizing this unit will reduce procedure time and improve quality of care for the patient.

Recipient: Temple University Health System

Location: 2450 West Hunting Park Avenue, 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19129

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Temple University Health System for renovations and upgrades to the physical infrastructure of Temple University Hospital-Episcopal Campus in North Philadelphia. The infrastructure improvements will help ensure continuous high quality patient care for a diverse community, and reduce the risk of service disruptions that would have negative implications for the City of Philadelphia.

Recipient: Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

Location: 925 Chestnut Street, Suite 311, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Thomas Jefferson University Hospital to purchase interventional radiology equipment and retrofit facilities to house the equipment. This program will help treat painful lesions that often affect patients' daily activities, and is the most definitive modality of therapy for patients with these lesions.

Recipient: Tyrone Hospital

Location: 1 Hospital Drive, Tyrone, PA 19107

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Tyrone Hospital to replace and upgrade its medical monitoring system for the ICCU/Telemetry, Emergency Room and Recovery Room. This equipment will help to improve access to quality care for the patients it serves.

Recipient: University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute/Hillman Cancer Center

Location: 5150 Centre Avenue, UPMC Cancer Pavilion, 5th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute/Hillman Cancer Center for equipment for the In Vivo Molecular Imaging Facility, including an intravital microscope, small ultrasound system, fluorescence, radiography system and PET/SPECT/CT system. Acquiring key instrumentation will enable improved workflows, interdisciplinary research, and collaboration among scientists and clinicians accelerating the translation of laboratory discoveries into improved care and reduced risk for cancer patients.

Recipient: Washington Hospital

Location: 155 Wilson Avenue, Washington, PA 15301

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Washington Hospital for renovations of the existing surgical suite, emergency department and critical care unit. The hospital's service region is currently experiencing an aging and growing population that is straining the hospital's resources. This project will allow expansion of services to further increase efficiency and quality of care for patients.

Recipient: Wayne Memorial Hospital

Location: 601 Park Street, Honesdale, PA 18431

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Wayne Memorial Hospital for the second phase of the Hospital Infrastructure Refurbishment Initiative to replace patient beds and patient telemetry systems. Extensive use has caused hospital equipment to exceed its functional capacity. Wayne Memorial Hospital is committed to providing the community with the finest, safest patient care possible, and this initiative will help secure the hospital's ability to deliver necessary services.

Recipient: Wesley Enhanced Living

Location: 928 Jaymor Road, Suite B150, Southampton, PA 18966

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Wesley Enhanced Living for a feasibility study and development of an affordable healthcare and housing model for low- to middle-income seniors in Pennsylvania. With an ever-growing senior population, the need for quality and sustainable long term care services is increasing. This model will offer comprehensive health and housing services to seniors and aims to achieve financial stability and sustainability in long term care programs.

Recipient: Wills Eye Health System

Location: 840 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Wills Eye Health System to renovate the pediatric ophthalmology clinic at Wills Eye Institute and upgrade equipment. Healthcare for children is a national priority that goes beyond providing insurance coverage. This initiative helps to overcome barriers to care and to ensure access to care for all children.

Recipient: Wistar Institute

Location: 3601 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Wistar Institute to purchase new imaging equipment to support brain cancer research. This initiative will enable researchers to obtain maximal results from their experiments and will benefit the public through advances in brain tumor research. The goal of the project is to identify specific pathways implicated in brain cancer, leading to the discovery of new molecules to treat brain cancer.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)

Recipient: Bucks County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc.

Location: 252 W. Swamp Road, Suite 12, Doylestown, PA 18901

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Bucks County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. to expand prevention and recovery support services into Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties, including training professionals, family education programs, recovery coaching and community-based prevention. Integrated prevention education and recovery support services are science-based, cost-effective ways to improve the healthcare system and alleviate human suffering directly related to the disease of addiction. These services make it possible to contain costs for addiction treatment and substance-related illness.

Recipient: Institute for Research, Education and Training in Addictions

Location: 425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 1710, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Institute for Research, Education and Training in Addictions for a program to reduce adverse incidents associated with medication therapy for opiate dependence, such as methadone. Funding will also be used to improve recruitment and retention of addiction professionals. Deaths from methadone and other opioid analgesics have been on the rise in recent years, and one major risk factor has been the inadequate or erroneous induction dosing and monitoring by physicians. This initiative will encourage physicians to follow safe and best practices in opiate treatment.

Recipient: Pennsylvania State University

Location: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Promoting School-Community-University-Partnerships to Encourage Resilience (PROSPER) program to be implemented in Potter County, Pennsylvania. The PROSPER program is operated by community teams made up of representatives from the Pennsylvania State Cooperative Extension, school district personnel, representatives from community service agencies, parents, youth, and other community members. This framework is a model for bringing evidence-based prevention programs to schools and communities with the goal of strengthening families, building youth skills, and reducing youth substance use, as well as other problem behaviors. The goal of this program is to reduce adolescent substance abuse and other problematic behaviors in youth 10 to 14 years old.

Recipient: Volunteers of America

Location: 25 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Volunteers of America to provide trauma recovery mental health services to children and families and trauma recovery education for mental health professionals in Northeastern Pennsylvania. This project provides direct trauma recovery mental health services

to children and families who have experienced the trauma of physical and sexual abuse, violent crime, homelessness, natural disasters, and other devastating events. The initiative empowers families to heal themselves and gives hope and healing to their children. The center helps families return to healthy community living and encourages providers to be more efficient and effective in their professional lives.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Recipient: Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology

Location: 540 North Harrison Road, Pleasant Gap, PA, 16823

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Emerging Energy and Infrastructure Training Center. Funding will be used to develop a workforce training program to meet the Central Pennsylvania region's need for trained workers in the fields of clean water/wastewater management, renewable energy manufacturing and installation, and traditional energy safety.

Recipient: City of Pittsburgh

Location: 44 Grant Street, 4th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA, 15219

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Pittsburgh Youth Employment Plan. There are currently 18,000 City youth at work-eligible age, and city schools are experiencing a drop-out rate that exceeds 35%. Funding will allow the City of Pittsburgh to expand its current Summer Youth Employment Program that matches youth with employers and provides career guidance opportunities.

Recipient: Conemaugh Health System

Location: 1086 Franklin Street, Johnstown, PA, 15905

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Acute Care Surgery and Training Program at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center in Johnstown, PA. In rural regions of Western and Central Pennsylvania a need exists for individuals with acute care surgery skills. This program will provide training in the areas of orthopedic, thoracic, vascular, and even neurosurgical emergencies, sparing other surgical specialists valuable time to focus on labor intensive types of surgical care delivery enhancing patient care.

Recipient: Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc.

Location: 216 W. Somerset Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19133

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Congreso de Latinos Unidos' Education, Employment and Empowerment program. GED recipients are much more likely to contribute to society and find stable employment than are high school drop outs who do not pursue a GED. Funding will be used to support a model that redesigns traditional methods of GED training increasing successful outcomes.

Recipient: Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center

Location: 2905 Southampton Road, Philadelphia, PA

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center's demonstration project for Applied Engineering Technology. This project will target unemployed and under-employed young adults who lack a complete high school or secondary education for advanced manufacturing and applied engineering technology workforce development. Funding will expand the existing workforce development program that has successfully developed a curriculum that provides students with basic

science, technology and engineering skills needed by local manufacturing facilities, which currently provide more than 625,000 jobs in Pennsylvania.

Recipient: Finishing Trades Institute

Location: 2190 Hornig Road, Philadelphia, PA, 19113

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Finishing Trades Institute Weatherization Training Program. Pennsylvania has received stimulus funding from the weatherization assistance program. This training program will provide workers with the trade-skills necessary to implement weatherization programs through classroom instruction, shop, and field experience.

Recipient: Harrisburg Area Community College

Location: One HACC Drive, Harrisburg, PA, 17110

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for job training programs at Harrisburg Area Community College. Funding will be used for industrial technology training programs associated with fields, such as, electrical occupations and industrial maintenance. As part of this initiative, Harrisburg Area Community College will need to purchase equipment to support expanded training programs. There is an urgent need for workers with sustainable job skills in engineering, electrical and industrial technologies.

Recipient: Impact Services Corporation

Location: 1952 East Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, 19134

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Community Job Training and Placement Program. Funding will be used to provide job training to unemployed members of the Philadelphia community, including honorably discharged veterans of the Armed Forces. Impact Services matches employees with potential employers, and has served 3,000 individuals over the past several years. By helping the unemployed obtain jobs, Impact Services Corporation will reduce unemployment compensation costs and reduce welfare rolls.

Recipient: Jewish Family and Children's Service

Location: 5743 Bartlett Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15217

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Jewish Family and Children's Service's Increasing Opportunities for Diverse Populations and Mature Workers project. Funding will be used to provide career services and counseling to the immigrant and mature workforce. The Pittsburgh region leads the nation in demographics of older adults. This program taps into older adults' capacity to be retrained to go back to work or undertake entrepreneurial ventures.

Recipient: Liberty Resources, Inc.

Location: 714 Market Street, Suite 100, Philadelphia, PA, 19106

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding to Liberty Resources to support its job training and workforce development program for persons with disabilities. Liberty Resources provides individuals with disabilities with skills necessary for employment. Utilizing a training model which provides feedback to students to assess their skills and goals, Liberty Resources performs vitally needed vocational training services that further the welfare of people with disabilities.

Recipient: MAGLEV

Location: 1905 Technology Center, 1100 Industry Road, Box 11, McKeesport, PA, 15132

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Advanced Precision Fabrication Partnership Training Program. The project will provide training to individuals in the field of precision fabrication technology leading to the award of a new Associate Degree classification entitled Precision Fabrication Technologist. This program will address the problem of a shrinking fabrication industry workforce ensuring that the U.S. can continue to compete in the global market.

Recipient: Manchester Bidwell Corporation

Location: 1815 Metropolitan Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Manchester Bidwell Corporation to support an Electronic Health Record Training Program at Bidwell Training Center to train students to become proficient in accurately documenting data and maintaining electronic health records. For over 40 years, Bidwell Training Center has served disadvantaged or dislocated workers in Southwestern PA by providing skills consistent with the needs of regional businesses. The need for individuals trained in electronic record implementation and maintenance lags behind the availability of trained persons. There is a growing national mandate for health care organizations to adopt electronic health records and workers will need to be trained in their use and implementation.

Recipient: Penn Asian Senior Services

Location: 420 Old York Road, Jenkintown, PA

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Penn Asian Senior Services to support a job training program. This program provides career development opportunities for immigrants interested in pursuing work in the healthcare field. Initially, those enrolled in the program develop the skills necessary to become home health aides, with the option of pursuing study to become certified nurse aides. As the nation's older population continues to grow, as well as the immigrant population, workforce need in the healthcare industry and demand for a bilingual workforce have greatly increased.

Recipient: Pennsylvania Highlands Community College

Location: 101 Community College Way, Johnstown, PA, 15904

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Pennsylvania Highlands Community College's Ensuring Academic and Career Success for At-Risk Students project. Funding will be used for workforce development and job training for at-risk youth to prepare them for careers in high demand/high priority occupations. The career development center will provide workers with the industry skills necessary to meet the needs of area business and encourage economic development.

Recipient: Philadelphia Shipyard Development Corporation

Location: 1117 Admiral Peary Way, Philadelphia, PA19112

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Philadelphia Shipyard Development Corporation's Small Business Supplier Training. Funds will be used to create a more competitive small business shipbuilding supplier network to reclaim the jobs that are otherwise going to offshore companies. This program will consist of classroom training and on the job training, saving up to 50 and creating up to 50 jobs.

Recipient: Precision Manufacturing Institute

Location: 764 Bessemer Street, Suite 105, Meadville, PA 16335

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Technology-Based Manufacturing Training Initiative, a job training program administered by the Precision Manufacturing Institute. Western Pennsylvania manufacturers are experiencing a lack of skilled employees to fill high-tech manufacturing jobs in areas, such as, machining and industrial maintenance and welding. This project will create a job training program that will be offered online, and at a mobile training unit, that will give unemployed persons the skills needed to find work in manufacturing jobs.

Recipient: Robert Morris University

Location: 6001 University Boulevard, Moon Township, PA 15108

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Robert Morris University's Veterans Entrepreneurship Training Project (VETP). Since 2000, the VETP has provided tools and support for veterans interested in starting their own businesses. Additional funding will be used for training, counseling and mentoring programs that benefit veterans pursuing entrepreneurship opportunities in Southwestern, Pennsylvania. As veterans and reservists return home from serving their duty, a large number of these individuals are seeking self-employment and view entrepreneurship as a career option.

Recipient: Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania, Inc.

Location: 415 Market Street, Suite 201, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania, Inc. for the TECHQuest Workforce Training Project for displaced workers in Pennsylvania. Funding will be used to immediately train displaced workers and increase their skill-sets and marketability in the area of industrial technology. The technology industry, which impacts virtually every industry in the nation, is currently experiencing significant change. Accordingly, the training and retraining of our technology workforce is more complicated and also essential for our nation to remain competitive.

Recipient: The Hispanic Center

Location: 808 Ridge Avenue, Suite 211, Pittsburgh, PA, 15212

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for The Hispanic Center's Workforce Solutions Project. Funding will be used for job training in the areas of hospitality and home health care. Southwestern Pennsylvania is experiencing a workforce reduction due to a combination of outward migration, the inability to attract new workers, and a large percentage of workers in the region nearing retirement age. At the same time, the region lacks sufficient workforce training for the Latino community. The Hispanic Center's employment referrals and career development services help Latinos find stable employment in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Recipient: The Workforce Technology Foundation

Location: 588 N. Gulph Road, Suite 110, King of Prussia, PA, 19406

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the One More Way project, which is administered by The Workforce Technology Foundation. Funding will be used to provide job training services to individuals with disabilities, who represent the largest group of unemployed Americans. Currently, Americans with disabilities are unemployed at twice the rate of other Americans. Funding will be used to support an online job bulletin that matches individuals with disabilities with prospective employers. The job bulletin currently receives visits from more than 150,000 businesses each month, and additional funding will allow for the further development of the bulletin.

Recipient: Wrightco Educational Foundation

Location: RR 2, Box 1346, Claysburg, PA 16625

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Wrightco Educational Foundation for their Security and Communications Technology project. Funding will be used to provide short term technical training in high demand high tech industries, such as security installation, fiber optic and broadband installation and other areas of telecommunications. It is estimated that employment in the field of security installation will grow at an above average pace, indicating a rising demand for technically skilled workers in the field. Currently, the available workforce's skills, abilities and knowledge do not match skills needed by employers in the security and communications fields and related industries.

Recipient: Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania

Location: 2417 East Carson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Amount: \$100,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania for the Research and Education Experience for Soldiers (REES) program. Funding will be used to provide case management services for vocational rehabilitation, continuing education and community reintegration of severely wounded veterans from conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Services include, but are not limited to education and training, job placement, benefits and entitlements, and overall transition assistance. The large presence of veterans in the region – over 300,000 – illustrates a significant demand for these needed services.